

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 07-1049-WO-US)

In the Application of:)	
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Humphreys, David Paul, et al.)	
)	Examiner: Chun Wu Dahle
Serial No.: 10/562,746)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1644
Filing Date: June 16, 2006)	
)	Confirmation No. 7821
For: Modified Antibody Fab Fragments)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF MAY 27, 2009 AND
REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond to the restriction requirement of May 27, 2009. The Office is authorized to charge any required fee, or credit any over-payment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

The Office has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-17, 26, 27 and 37; Group II, claims 18-25; and Group III, claim 28-36. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-17, 26, 27 and 37, without traverse.

With respect to the election of species requirements, applicants elect for prosecution on the merits the species comprising an antibody Fab fragment that is modified with a PEG effector molecule, has a light chain constant region having at least 90% identity or similarity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, and wherein the interchain cysteine is at position 127 of the heavy chain. Claims that read on this species include claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12-17, 26 and 27.

Claims 3, 5-7, 11, 18-25, and 28-36 are withdrawn from consideration at this time without prejudice, subject to the rules regarding rejoinder at the appropriate time.

It is respectfully requested that examination proceed on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 16, 2009

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